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TAGS: MNUC, TECH, IN US
SUBJECT: NUCLEAR: CIRUS HEAVY WATER

REF: A) NEW DELHI 10869, B) BOMBAY 1819

1. I HAVE RECEIVED TODAY AN OFFICIAL LETTER DATED 20 JULY FROM V. SHANKAR, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER, CONFIRMING THAT LARGER AMOUNTS OF HEAVY WATER HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM THE CIRUS REACTOR TO RAPS, WHICH IS UNDER SAFEGUARDS, THAN THE AMOUNTS SUPPLIED BY THE USA FOR CIRUS. THE GOI HOPES THAT THIS SUFFICIENTLY MEETS THE PROPOSAL ADVANCED IN SENATOR SPARKMAN'S JUNE 21 LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT URGING THAT THE INDIANS SHOULD BE PERSUADED TO MAKE SUCH A TRANSFER. FULL TEXT OF LETTER WILL BE FORWARDED BY NEXT POUCH.

2. THE LETTER'S FINAL AND SUMMARIZING PARAGRAPH READS AS FOLLOWS: " IN 1971 NEARLY 24 TONS OF HEAVY WATER FROM THE POOL AT TROMBAY WAS SENT TO RAJASTHAN AND IN 1974 ANOTHER 4 TONS FOLLOWED. THUS IN ALL NEARLY 28 TONS OF HEAVY WATER HAD BEEN SENT FROM TROMBAY TO RAPS WHICH IS A SAFEGUARDED FACILITY. THUS OUT OF THE POOLED HEAVY
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WATER FROM TROMBAY MORE THAN WHAT U.S. HAD SUPPLIED UNDER THE COMMERCIAL CONTRACT HAD ALREADY BEEN SENT BY 1974 TO A SAFEGUARDED FACILITY. I HOPE THAT IN THE LIGHT OF THIS CLARIFICATION YOU WILL AGREE THAT IN REGARD TO U.S. ORIGIN HEAVY WATER NO FURTHER TRANSFER FROM TROMBAY IS NECESSARY. IN ANY CASE, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, THE HEAVY WATER SUPPLIED BY U.S. WAS WITHOUT

ANY SAFEGUARDS OBLIGATIONS AND ACCOUNTING REQUIREMENTS.
EVEN THEN WE HAVE TRANSFERRED MORE QUANTITY TO A SAFE-
GUARDED FACILITY FROM TROMBAY THAN WAS OBTAINED FROM
U.S. END QUOTE.

3. WE ASSUME THAT SHANKAR LETTER SUPERSEDES INFORMATION
OF 19 JULY IN BOMBAY 1819 WHEREIN SETHNA TOLD COURTNEY
IAEC WAS STILLWORKING UP RESPONSE ON THIS SUBJECT.
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